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Advice on Environmental Impact Statement – State Significant Infrastructure

Proposal: Clarrie Hall Dam Raising

Major Project reference: SSI-65020460

Received: 25 September 2024

Dear Mr Cox,

Thank you for your referral dated 25 September 2024 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) proposal.

The following reports were considered in our assessment:

- Relevant sections of *Clarrie Hall Dam Raising Environmental Impact Statement*, Kellogg Brown & Root Pty Ltd, 16 September 2024, in particular the following appendices:
- Appendix B: *Concept Design Report*, Public Works Advisory, 29/10/2018.
- Appendix E: *Mitigation Measures Table*, Kellogg Brown & Root Pty Ltd, 16 September 2024; and
- Appendix K: *Historical Archaeological Assessment Clarrie Hall Dam Raising*, EMM Consulting Pty Ltd, August 2024.

As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW, we provide the following comments:

- The Historical Archaeological Assessment (HAA) satisfies the SEARs for environmental heritage. We support the findings of the HAA, including the following:
 - The project area does not contain any items of environmental heritage that are included on a statutory heritage list.
 - Wollumbin National Park, located to the north of the project area, includes areas that are listed on the World and National Heritage Lists, the State Heritage Register (SHR) and the

Tweed Local Environmental Plan 2014 (TLEP). The HAA has assessed that there will be a negligible impact on the National Heritage values and heritage significance of these items due to the distance, topography and vegetation between the National Park and the project area.

- Mount Jerusalem National Park is located immediately to the east of the project area. Areas of the park are listed on the SHR and the TLEP. The HAA has assessed that the proposed works will have a minimal impact on the heritage significance of these items.
- The HAA has assessed that Crams Farm Reserve contains two buildings—the Bails and Dairy and Doon Doon Hall—that meet the threshold for local significance. It has also assessed that several trees in the reserve are of high significance. The HAA has assessed that it is unlikely that the proposal will adversely impact on the significance of these items, but we recommend that further advice be sought regarding potential physical impacts of flood events on Doon Doon Hall—please refer to our recommendations in Attachment A.
- The HAA has assessed that the proposal area has nil-to-low historical archaeological potential, and that only archaeology from Historical Phase 1 (1840–1900) would meet the threshold for Local significance. The raising of Clarrie Hall Dam would not result in direct or indirect impacts to potentially significant historical archaeological resources.

As the site contains items assessed as having local significance, and other local items are in the vicinity, advice should also be sought from the relevant local council.

If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Anna Simanowsky, Senior Assessments Officer at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW

21 October 2024

Attachment A — Clarrie Hall Dam Raising (SSI-65020460)

Heritage NSW Recommendations

Heritage NSW supports the recommendations included in the HAA and Environmental Impact Statement for minimisation and management of potential impacts to environmental heritage. These include the establishment of an unexpected finds procedure and provision for heritage site induction for all construction personnel.

We make the following additional recommendations:

1. If Crams Farm Reserve is used as a construction compound, measures should be taken to ensure that the Bails and Dairy, Doon Doon Hall and trees of high significance (Moreton Bay Fig trees and Pecan tree) are clearly identified as exclusion areas. The exclusion area for the trees should, at a minimum, correspond to the area of the tree canopy.

Reason: to protect items of heritage significance during construction.

2. Structural advice should be sought regarding the potential physical impacts of the partial inundation of the footings and piers of Doon Doon Hall during flood events.

Reason: to ensure that the proposed works do not result in damage to an item of heritage significance, and to enable any required preventative measures to be implemented.

3. An interpretation plan should be prepared for the proposal at the detailed design stage, and interpretation should be included in publicly accessible areas. Consideration should be given to incorporating interpretation into the detailed design.

Reason: to ensure that suitable interpretation is included in the proposal and to encourage integration of interpretation into the detailed design.

4. Existing commemorative plaques at the dam should be salvaged and re-installed in a publicly accessible area on completion of the works.

Reason: to ensure that commemorative plaques remain publicly accessible.

5. All areas used for construction related activities should be remediated on completion of the works. This includes removal of all redundant building materials and refuse, and remediation of temporary roadways and compound areas.

Reason: to minimise impacts on the aesthetic quality of the project area and views from surrounding areas.